



Between the Lines

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Friends of Nature Care for the Library

By Deborah Barrow

Spring is a great time of year at the Sunnyvale Public Library. Light pours in from the windows and everything looks bright and beautiful. People are happy to be here, too. Approaching the Library from any direction, visitors encounter a colorful array of flowers and trees. Keeping the Library facility and grounds in order is a big responsibility, which falls mainly on the Parks and Recreation grounds crew for the City Hall area, the Parks and Recreation Facilities Division, and the Public Works Department, which manages the tree maintenance staff and arborists.

The Library has a close connection with the Parks and Recreation Department and the Public Works Department's arborist program. The Library site is the resident location for the City Hall grounds crew, and the Facilities Division manages all of the building maintenance at the Library, both with great results. The Public Works arborists are responsible for the trees. Over the past few years, the Library has been the site for the Arbor Day celebration sponsored by the Public Works' arborist program. New trees have been planted at the Library on Arbor Day by the City crews, along with local children that have attended the special story times.

Last year the City lost a great friend of nature, a Library friend and family member, Loren Wiser. It was at an Arbor Day event that I first recall meeting City Arborist, Loren Wiser. I had the good fortune to be at work on a Saturday when the Library held its celebratory Arbor Day story time. Subsequently, the children went out to meet the arborists and grounds crew members and to take part in planting a tree. Loren's wife Debby joined us for the celebration, along with their daughter, Joy, who happens to be a staff member at the Library. Joy's daughter Jocelyn was one of the children assisting with the tree planting. I recall being very impressed with the positive energy, the love of nature, and the dedication of all involved with the Arbor Day celebration. A Gingko tree was planted during one of the Arbor



Day events, although I am no longer sure which event it was. Belonging to one of the oldest species of trees, the Library's Gingko is progressing well in these modern times. There are many other interesting trees on site, too, thanks to Loren and the care provided by many other City staff members.

This is a great time of year to explore the Library grounds, enjoy nature and contemplate the exemplary work of some very dedicated people. For the Library's annual Staff Development Day in November 2007, the steering committee put together a loosely formed Sunnyvale Library Self-Guided Tree Walk (in Memory of Loren Wiser). If you have time and would like to know more about the trees on the Sunnyvale Public Library grounds and the surrounding area, please ask for a copy at the Reference Desk.

The Arbor Day story time and tree planting for 2008 was scheduled for April 19, at which time new trees were planted across the street from the Library on the Public Safety grounds at the corner of Olive and All America Way.

For all that's been done here at the Library in past years, thank you Loren, Parks and Recreation grounds crew, Facilities, and Public Works arbor program staff!

Going Green? Use the Library

By Sara Kempen and Christine Doxtad

Has it occurred to you that using the Library is a green thing to do? Well just imagine how much paper can be saved by using this community resource rather than buying all the books you read. What a waste to purchase a book, read it once and then let it sit on your bookshelves for years until it is finally recycled. Reading library books is a great way to save your resources and be green.

We have some books that have been used to an incredible extent. There are hundreds of books in our collection that have been checked out more than 100 times, dozens of books that have been out more than 200 times, and one has been out over 300 times. It's a rare

book that can take that much wear and tear. Most books are rebound at some point if they are to be kept from falling apart. Some of our most utilized books are listed here:

If Tomorrow Comes by Sydney Sheldon: 309 checkouts

C Is for Corpse by Sue Grafton: 297 checkouts

Step-by-Step Indian Cooking by Sharda Gopal: 286 checkouts

The C Answer Book by Clovis L. Tondo: 248 checkouts

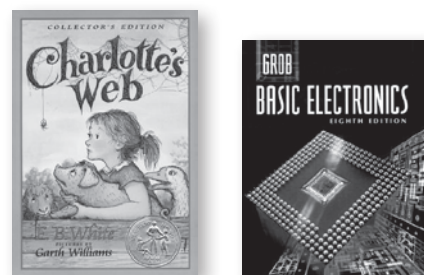
Basic Electronics by Bernard Grob: 247 checkouts

The Intelligent Investor by Benjamin Graham: 247 checkouts

Speaker for the Dead by Orson Scott Card: 235 checkouts

Charlotte's Web by E. B. White: 232 checkouts

Watercolor, You Can Do It! by Tony Couch: 220 checkouts



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Summer Reading Starts Soon!

Spring is here but summer is not far behind it. Your Library has a great idea. Take time this summer to relax and read or listen to those books that you have on your "To Read" list! Summer reading programs are offered for all ages:

Summer Reading for Kids Catch the Reading Bug: Starts Saturday, June 14

Who: Kids age 3 through grade 5.

What: Read 10 books and receive a paperback book; children not yet reading may count books read to them.

When: Sign up between Saturday June 14 and Sunday, July 27; pick up your prize between Monday, July 28 and Sunday, August 31; there is a limit of one free book per child.



Summer Reading for Teens Metamorphosis: Starts Saturday, June 14

Who: Teens in grades 6 through 12.

What: Read 10 books and receive a paperback book.

When: Sign up between Saturday, June 14 and Sunday, July 27; pick up your prize between Monday, July 28 and Sunday, August 31; there is a limit of one free book per teen.

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For complete information on the Sunnyvale Public Library, please call (408) 730-7300 or visit

www.sunnyvalelibrary.org

Would You Like To Get Involved with Assisting the City Council?

By Janice Clark

Board and commission members serve on a volunteer basis and are appointed by City Council. These positions assist City Council and help to set the direction for Sunnyvale. Special requirements/qualifications such as residency, voter registration, and professional experience may be required.

Summer recruitment is ongoing for openings on:

- Arts Commission
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission*
- Board of Building Code Appeals*
- Board of Library Trustees
- Child Care Advisory Board*
- Heritage Preservation Commission
- Housing and Human Services Commission
- Parks and Recreation Commission
- Personnel Board*
- Planning Commission

*special qualifications may exist.

City residents interested in serving on a City of Sunnyvale board or commission may obtain an application at the Office of the City Clerk, 603 All America Way – South Annex, Sunnyvale or by calling (408) 730-7595. For an application and specific eligibility requirements, visit boardsandcommissions.inSunnyvale.com.

You are invited to A Community Forum to Discuss the Branch Library Study

We need your feedback...

Is a branch library needed in Sunnyvale? Where would one be located? What services would it offer? What would a branch library cost and how would it be funded? Other ideas?

Please join us for this special community forum where we hope to further explore the community needs for a branch library. If you cannot attend, we invite your comments by e-mail to futurelib@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us.

Thursday, May 29, 2008 – 6:30 p.m.
Sunnyvale Public Library – 665 W. Olive Ave.

Going Green?

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Caring for the environment is something that concerns us all. The Library has added several green titles to its collection, offering advice on everything from how to travel, cook and garden green, to making your house and workplace energy-smart. The following list is a small sampling of the many eco-friendly titles available to check out.

50 Simple Steps to Save the Earth From Global Warming by Green Patriot Working Group.

Easy Green Living: the Ultimate Guide to Simple, Eco-Friendly Choices for You and Your Home by Renee Loux.

Green Clean: the Environmentally Sound Guide to Cleaning Your Home by Linda Mason Hunter & Mikki Halpin.

The Green Gardener's Guide: Simple Significant Actions to Protect & Preserve Our Planet by Joe, Lamp'l.

Big Green Purse: Use Your Spending Power to Create a Cleaner, Greener World by Diane MacEachern.

Gorgeously Green: 8 Simple Steps to an Earth-friendly Life by Sophie Uliano.

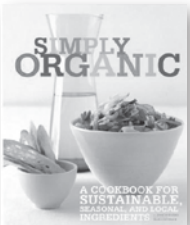
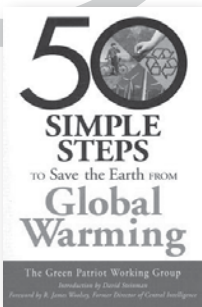
How to Reduce Your Carbon Footprint: 500 Simple Ways to Save Energy, Resources and Money by Joanna Yarrow.

Hey, Mr. Green: Sierra Magazine's Answer Guy Tackles Your Toughest Green Living Questions by Bob Schildgen.

Living Like Ed by Ed Begley, Jr.

Simply Organic: a Cookbook for Sustainable, Seasonal, and Local Ingredients by Jesse Ziff Cool.

True Green @ Work: 100 Ways You Can Make the Environment Your Business by Kim McKay.

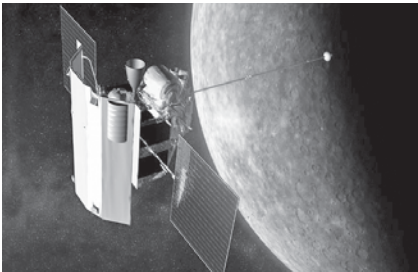


NASA/JPL Solar System Ambassador to Provide Space Missions Update

By Sara Kempen

NASA/JPL Solar System Ambassador Eric Norris will deliver a multi-media presentation on the recent Phoenix Mars Mission landing and the Mercury Messenger flyby as well as updates on other NASA missions. The Mars Phoenix Mission will be sniffing the soils of the Martian arctic hunting for chemistry that could support life. The Mercury Messenger mission is the first spacecraft to visit Mercury since Mariner 10. Eric's programs have been very popular in the past so you won't want to miss this one!

The program will be held in the Program Room on Tuesday, June 10 at 7 p.m. The program is appropriate for older children, teens, and adults. If you have questions please call the Reference Desk at (408) 730-7300, menu option 5.



Sunnyvale Art Club Exhibition

By Michael Nellany

The Sunnyvale Public Library is pleased to welcome back the Sunnyvale Art Club for a special summer art show on Saturday, June 7, noon to 6 p.m. and Sunday, June 8, noon to 6 p.m. Expect to see a wide variety of artwork: watercolors, pastels, oils and acrylics, among others. Members of the Art Club will be on hand to talk about their work. There will also be a painting demonstration and a judge to review the work and offer awards. This free event will be held in the Program Room at the Library.

When asked what they liked best at last year's event attendees said:

"A chance to see original local art."

"Finding out how talented Sunnyvale folks are."

"So many varieties of art – fantastic."

"I came twice & really liked it."



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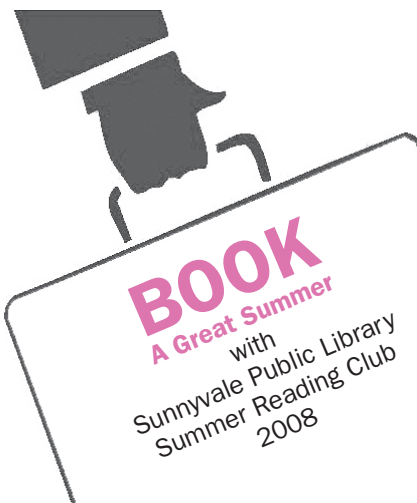
Summer Reading for Adults Book a Great Summer: Starts Sunday, June 1

Who: Anyone 16 years and older.

What: Read 8 books and receive a paperback book; books can be fiction or nonfiction in any language; unabridged recorded books also qualify.

When: Sign up between Sunday, June 1 and Friday, August 1; pick up your prize by Friday, August 31.

Also: You must have a current Sunnyvale Public Library card and have read at least one book when you sign up.



Sunnyvale Public Library
665 W. Olive Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94086

Library Hours

Monday – Thursday	10 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Friday & Saturday	10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday	Noon – 8 p.m.

Book and media drops are located outside the Library for after-hours returns.

Telephone Numbers

Borrowers' Records	(408) 730-2748
Children's & Teen Services	(408) 730-7292
Deaf Access: TDD	(408) 730-7501
Dial-A-Story (English)	(408) 730-7333
Dial-A-Story (Spanish)	(408) 737-4907
Information & Reference	(408) 730-7300
Library Cards	(408) 730-2748
Library Administration	(408) 730-7316
Overdue Materials	(408) 730-7309
Renewals (Automated)	(408) 730-7310
Special Outreach Services	(408) 730-7306

Library Web Site

www.sunnyvalelibrary.org

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Sunnyvale will make reasonable efforts to accommodate persons with disabilities. If you require special accommodation, please contact the library.